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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1775**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takahiro NAKAHIGASHI et al. ✓

Application No.: 09/589,225 ✓

Filed: June 8, 2000 ✓

For: **OBJECT COATED WITH CARBON FILM AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

Group Art Unit: 1775 ✓

Examiner: Archene A. Turner

Atty. Dkt. No.: 107351-00001

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PREMATURE FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 12, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 13, 16, 17 and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 18, 19, 21-23 as follows:

18. (Amended) A machine part selected from a group including an automobile part, a bicycle part, and image forming apparatus part having a portion to be in contact with another object, said portion being made of an organic polymer material selected from a

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